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Sir:

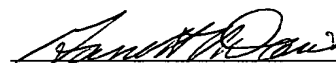
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures listed on attached Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in the subject application.

The enclosed documents were cited in Applicants' corresponding Japanese application, and a copy of the Communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated October 6, 2009 is enclosed. JP 2000-063527 and JP 2000-143722, which were cited in the Communication from the Japanese Patent Office, are not enclosed since they were previously submitted to the Patent Office at the time of filing.

JP 2001-523733 corresponds to WO 99/25393.

Since the enclosed documents were cited in the Communication from the Japanese Patent Office not more than three months prior to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these documents. However, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may become due in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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